

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

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"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

CONVERSIONS to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, revealed anew through Joseph Smith the Prophet, are always read with interest and rejoicing by the Latter-day Saints. They reveal how the Lord is working among the nations, seeking for the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and leading them in ways of which they thought not into the true fold where they can rejoice with the sheep of His pasture.

In the latter part of July a baptismal service was held in London, when fourteen members were added to the Church of Christ. The following account of the conversion of two of the number—Brother and Sister Wellard—will be read with interest:—"At the time of which I write," says Sister Wellard, "I was a very zealous member of a small, religious sect in this city (London). I was serving the Lord to the best of my understanding, and rendering the organization all the assistance possible in the dissemination of its doctrines. Doubts, however, frequently arose in my mind as to whether the course I was pursuing was acceptable to my Heavenly Father. I was not sure that the sect with which I was identified, and the doctrines which they taught, had the approbation of Heaven. So one day, feeling very depressed in spirits, I took a Bible and repaired to my room to pray. I petitioned the Lord to

cause me to open the sacred volume at a place where I would find peace for my troubled soul.

"After having made the desires of my heart known to the Lord, I opened the Bible, when my eyes rested on the following words: 'Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith.' (II. Corinthians 13: 5.) I cannot describe the effect this passage of scripture had upon me. It came to me with greater force than any I had ever read before. I tried to forget the words but could not; they rang in my ears continually. Instead of feeling comforted, I felt more disturbed in my feelings. I prayed fervently to the Lord to make known to me His holy will; I felt impressed to petition Him, provided the sect to which I belonged had not been organized with His sanction, to break it up, scatter its members, and send true servants to us. At that time the organization felt confident of its success. 'We are here to stay,' was a statement often made by its leaders. But their boasting came to naught. Soon after this the sect was disorganized and its members scattered.

"While in the troubled state above described, I called to mind a promise which was made to me by some unseen person as I lay upon my bed one morning. The promise was as follows: 'Because I have set my love upon thee, I will deliver thee.' These words brought a great deal of comfort to my soul. I have often told the Lord that I would willingly follow whithersoever He would lead me. I truly loved the Lord and was seeking to do His will as far as the same had been made known to me.

"The Prophet Joel prophesied that in the last days the Lord would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh; that the sons and daughters of the people would prophecy; that old men would dream dreams and young men see visions. I firmly believe the Lord has commenced the fulfillment of that prophesy. I will now relate a dream which the Lord gave to me one night, and which was the means of bringing me into the true Church of Christ.

"I dreamed that I entered a room where several men were engaged in prayer. I knelt down also and began to offer up my petitions to the Most High. I prayed to the Lord to reveal to us by His Spirit what He desired us to do. So sincere was I in prayer that I attracted the attention of the other worshipers. I prayed to the Lord to baptize each one of us with the baptism of His Holy Spirit. Just then I seemed to hear a voice, saying, 'Yes, that is what you need.' 'Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.' Now at that time I did not believe in water baptism; I did not believe that it was in any way connected with man's salvation.

"Soon after I awoke. The dream was indelibly impressed upon my memory. I felt that I had not received all the truth that the Lord desired me to receive, and told my husband so. I went about my daily duties as usual, stopping at times to offer up a prayer to the Father for light and truth. Little did I think that at that

time one of His servants was making his way to my home with glad tidings of salvation which would bring to me the peace and joy for which I had yearned so anxiously and so long.

"In the afternoon of the same day a knock came to my door. I opened it, and was met by a respectable-looking gentleman, who asked me if I would be kind enough to accept a Gospel tract. I told him that I would be pleased to do so. He handed me a leaflet, and my surprise can be imagined when I saw at the top of it the following title, 'Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?' My thoughts naturally reverted to my dream. Could it be possible that this was the beginning of its fulfillment? I sat down at once and read the tract, and so plain and thoroughly scriptural were its teachings with regard to baptism that I realized as I had never realized before the sacredness and essentiality of the ordinance. On his second visit I invited the Elder into my home and had him explain to me more fully the principles of the everlasting Gospel. I read with avidity many of the Church publications, as did also my husband, and becoming convinced that the doctrines taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are the doctrines of Christ, and that the Church had received authority from God to preach His Gospel and administer in all its ordinances, we applied for baptism.

"I pen this humble testimony out of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for the great deliverance which He has brought to us. Having received a testimony from the Lord that I have done His will, I am no longer harrassed with doubts and fears. These things have passed away, and a peace which passes all understanding has taken their place.

ELLEN WELLARD."

MINUTES OF BRADFORD CONFERENCE.

On Sunday morning last the Temperance Hall in Bradford was comfortably filled with Saints and visitors who had come to attend the Leeds annual conference of the Church. President Charles W. Penrose was present, also Sister Romania B. Penrose, representing the General Board of Relief Societies; President Willard B. Ennis and twenty-two traveling Elders in the Leeds conference; President Abel G. Rich and six visiting Elders from Sheffield conference, and Elder William A. Morton of the Liverpool office. After singing and prayer, the sacrament was administered, during which the choir sang an appropriate hymn.

President Ennis extended a courteous welcome to the assembly, and invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the meetings of the conference. He expressed his satisfaction with the work that had been performed and the progress that had been made in the conference. Seventy-one members had been added to the Church by

baptism since the first of the year, which was evidence that the Elders were performing their duties faithfully. He exhorted the Saints to be kind to one another, to love each other, and thus show to the world by their love and unity that they are the children of God.

The statistical report for the past nine months was then read by the clerk, Elder Thomas E. Towler, after which the general and local authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained.

Elder A. B. Manghan, presiding Elder of Leeds branch, stated that there are good prospects in Leeds for an increase in numbers. The Elders are meeting with success in their street meetings. He bore testimony to the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.

Elder J. A. Capener reported Halifax branch in good condition. The Saints are trying to live their religion and do not miss an opportunity to bear testimony and to explain the Gospel.

President Penrose then addressed the conference. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he said, had not been established by man, but by the Lord Himself. It is His Church. Christ was chosen to stand at the head because He was the best of all the sons of God. He knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. He loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore His Father gave Him a name above every other name. The nearer the Saints got to Christ now, the nearer they would be to Him in His kingdom. "Mormonism" is a practical religion, to be lived every day of the week. The Saints should conform their lives to all the principles of the Gospel. We cannot be made perfect by the first principles of the Gospel only, but by living by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Love and joy, peace and unity should be found in all the homes of the Latter-day Saints. Parents should correct their children in the proper spirit, in the spirit exhibited by Christ and not in the spirit of anger. Sons and daughters should love and honor their parents, and do all in their power to help them. He advised the Saints to examine themselves and see if they were living according to the commandments of God. Should control our tongues and our tempers and not wound one another by unkind words. Advised the Elders to avoid contention, and when reviled to show the world that they are servants of Christ by not reviling their revilers. "My brethren and sisters," concluded the president, "get in the narrow way and keep in it. Try to be better day by day."

The afternoon session convened at 2:30 with a still larger attendance. Elder Christopher J. Kearl said he was well pleased with the condition of Batley branch. Although few in number, the Saints are energetic workers.

Elder H. Albert Wagstaff, reported Bradford branch, in which he said a good work has been and is being accomplished. The Sunday School and Mutual Improvement Association are fully organized, and are of great benefit to the Saints. The traveling

Elders receive considerable assistance from the local Priesthood. Exhorted the Saints to be united and to live up to the light which they had received from the Lord. By so doing they would receive greater light.

Elder George F. Bolto reported Huddersfield branch. This branch is very small at present, but he expected additions to it in the near future. His companion and himself had made many friends in Huddersfield. When opposed at their meetings on the streets, there was invariably some one present who defended them. While the world misunderstands our motives, it is a consolation to know that our Heavenly Father understands them.

Elder George E. Briggs reported Keighley branch. The Saints are laboring under disadvantages in that branch. They are greatly scattered, some of them having to travel seven miles to meeting. They are trying to live according to the revelations of the Lord, and love and unity exists among them. The Sunday School and Improvement Association have done much good. We are living in a probationary state, given to us to fit and prepare ourselves to dwell with God and the Lamb, and all the redeemed. Exhorted those present to lay up treasures in heaven which would never perish.

Elder Joseph S. Mulliner, Jr., said the Saints in Wakefield branch are striving to live the Gospel of Christ. They are faithful in attending meetings. Spoke interestingly concerning the restoration of the Gospel. "There is not much satisfaction," he said, "in reading of the gifts and blessings which were enjoyed by the Saints of God in ancient times, if we cannot enjoy similar blessings to-day." In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are found all the gifts and blessings of the Gospel.

Elder Gilbert D. Weaver reported the Pudsey branch. Improvement is the motto of the Saints in that district. Knowing that "Mormonism" is of divine origin, they were trying to live according to its teachings. Exhorted the Saints to shun sin and keep their spirits pure, that they may grow in the truth. Bore testimony to the restoration of the Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Thomas E. Towler reported the Saints of Clayton branch united and exhibiting great interest in the work of the Lord. The Elders were receiving valuable assistance from the sisters in spreading the principles of the Gospel. Their meetings were very interesting, and were invariably attended by the Holy Spirit. He hoped a Relief society might be organized in Clayton, as he had seen much good accomplished by such an organization in other places. Bore testimony to the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission.

"How will the Saints rejoice to tell," was rendered in a very pleasing manner by the choir, after which President Penrose addressed the congregation. He said the Saints were not perfect, but hoped they were pressing on toward perfection. The Lord had

placed us on the earth and had suffered good and evil to come before us that we might learn the difference between the two powers. Opposition will continue till that which is perfect shall come. Told of the glories which await the Saints, provided they remain faithful. When we are made partakers of the glories of the Father, the trials and tribulations which we endured on earth will sink into insignificance. If we overcome all things we shall inherit all things. The sisters ought to assist the brethren in spreading the glad tidings of the restored Gospel. Every one that is warned should warn his neighbor, that he be left without excuse. We should not, however, make ourselves offensive to people. Merely believing in Christ will not transform our characters, but doing what He has said will. True faith comprehends believing and doing the will of the Lord in all things. Much good had been done by all the so-called Christian sects, for which they will receive their reward; but they are without Divine authority. After the death of the Apostles the authority of the Holy Priesthood had departed from the earth. Preachers claimed authority from the Bible; but authority to preach the Gospel could not be obtained from books, but by revelation from on high. The Priesthood had been restored in these later times, and the Lord had sent forth His servants to show the people the "more excellent way" in which to serve Him. Truth will stand for ever but error will perish. Referred to the false rumors recently published in the newspapers, and which he was pleased to see, some of the leading papers had corrected when they learned the truth. He deplored the indifference of the people, who delighted in worldly pleasure rather than in works of righteousness. History is repeating itself, for as it was in the days of Noah, so it is at the present time. He bore a most convincing testimony to the truth of the Gospel as restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

At the evening meeting, which convened at 6:30 o'clock, the large hall was packed to its utmost capacity. It was estimated that between eight and nine hundred people were present, one-half of whom were non-members of the Church. After the opening exercises, President Abel G. Rich, of the Sheffield conference, addressed the assembly. Expressed his delight with the meetings of the conference. Spoke briefly on the absurdity of the "Belief Alone" doctrine, showing that it is contrary to both Scripture and reason. Bore an impressive testimony to the mission of Joseph the Prophet.

The solo, "Light Beyond," was then rendered very sweetly by Mrs. Butler, after which Elder William A. Morton related some of his experiences prior to and after joining the Church of the Saints.

President Penrose then delivered a very interesting discourse. He said that if the great and marvelous manifestations which the Lord had given to His children in these last days were published they would far outshine those of former dispensations.

The dispensation in which we live is the dispensation of the fulness of times spoken of by all the holy prophets and apostles. Paul prophesied of this dispensation. He said that in the dispensation of the fulness of times the Lord would gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth. We are living in the midst of that dispensation. All the keys and powers held by the servants of the Lord in former days have been restored in these latter days. A revelation given by God to-day is just as important as a revelation given in days of old. We have to become accustomed to modern apostles and prophets. We can rest assured that the Lord will not reveal anything in conflict with what He revealed in former times. The knowledge of God is to cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep. After the judgments of the Lord are poured out upon the earth and the wicked have been cut off, then shall the meek inherit the earth, and then shall every man know the Lord, from the least to the greatest. The day will come when every house that is divided against itself shall fall. Every plant which the Father has not planted shall be rooted up. President Penrose spoke of the corrupt state of the world. The judgments of the Lord, he said, are hanging over the nations, and when the Gospel has been preached to them as a witness, then shall the judgments of the Lord overtake them. When the Jews rejected the Messiah, He prophesied of the destruction of their city, and of the calamities that would come upon them. How literally had that prophecy been fulfilled! Exhorted the Saints to purify and sanctify themselves day by day, and to attend to their public and private duties. Spoke of the excellent singing at the services, of the choice selections rendered by the choir, and the solo by the lady friend. Encouraged the choir in its work, and recommended additions to it. Advised the Saints to cultivate the talents the Lord had given them. All things had been created for the happiness of man and the glory of God. He testified to the divinity of the great latter-day work, and that it would grow and increase. Truth shall triumph, and the day shall come when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. After singing, President Penrose, by request, pronounced the benediction.

Saturday afternoon a Priesthood meeting was held, when the Elders made reports and received valuable instructions from President Penrose.

At the close of the afternoon service on Sunday, President and Sister Penrose met with a large gathering of sisters from all branches in the Leeds conference, and organized four Relief Societies. Sister Penrose gave instructions concerning the duties of the officers and members; cautioned them against jealousy and envy, and showed the necessity of the supervision and counsel of the presiding Priesthood.

THOMAS E. TOWLER, Clerk of Conference.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1907.

AN OLD CANARD REVIVED.

THERE is an old story to the effect that some sectarian preachers, when at a loss for a subject on which to interest their congregations, adopt the plan of "pitching into the Mormons." Old tales are revived, dressed up in later form and proclaimed as new concerning "the dreadful Mormons." Some of the members of the press fraternity have taken up this method of making up a "story" when facts fail to furnish one, and any startling statement concerning the "Mormons" answers the purpose for an item or an editorial, supplying a sensation for the paper in which it appears, which is copied by other publications and received by large numbers of people as the truth. One of these bits of fiction is in the form of an announcement concerning the importation of girls for Utah, if printed in America, and their exportation if published in England. Within the last two weeks the reading public has been startled by a many-headed article in different British newspapers, and the general public by a flaring announcement on bill-boards, that "twelve hundred girls had been sent from England to Utah this year by Mormon missionaries." It is an old fabrication resurrected for the time; but it has attracted much attention and is accepted by many thousands of people. It was first published in a London paper and immediately after by a Birmingham paper, then copied into other papers as follows:

The Immigration Department reports that one thousand two hundred girls have arrived in the United States from abroad during the past seven months, as converts to Mormonism. By the last mail one hundred and twenty-three girls arrived, and were conveyed to Utah on a special express train. They were ticketed and checked, herded and guarded. Eighteen missionaries, including four old men who were intimates of Brigham Young, were in charge of the party. Among the arrivals in the last seven months are girls from North of England towns. Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Leeds, Bradford, Sunderland and Halifax, are mentioned in the official declaration as to birthplace. It is stated that in Britain alone there are at present seventy-two Mormon missionaries engaged in "rescue" work.

Of course people who are posted on Utah affairs perceive that this is a well-worn and shabby canard and pass it by as one of the silly stories that find their way even into the best of public journals. But there are many millions of people who are misled by just such bits of scandal and some of them become very much excited, and are aroused to hostility against the Elders who are laboring in the mission field and who are thus maligned and misrepresented. The editor of the *MILLENNIAL STAR*, therefore, wrote to a number of the papers in which the false report appeared, and some of them have, very fairly, inserted his communication. Among them is the *Liverpool Post and Mercury*, which on Thursday last gave an account of an interview over the telephone with Elder Robert Price, who made a plain denial of the Washington report and explained the situation. The *Post* further inserted the following:

Sir,—In your issue of Tuesday last I see an announcement which, I am sure, you will have the courtesy to correct, if I can convince you that it is erroneous and does great injustice to a religious organization that has become of some importance whether its tenets are accepted or not. The supposed “information” in the article is derived from a Washington correspondent of another paper. The headlines are as misleading as the statements below them. It is not true that twelve hundred girls have been sent to Utah this year, or that there are any “Liverpool victims.” There has not been half such a number of emigrants to Utah in 1907, nor has there been a majority of “girls” in any company that has gone to Utah in this or any previous year. The emigration of Latter-day Saints, commonly called “Mormons,” to America is, and always has been, conducted in this country through the Liverpool office, which is now at 295 Edge Lane. Our books will show the number of persons who have been shipped to the West, their age, sex, and all particulars necessary to prove whom and what they were. The emigration of this year has gone by the White Star Line to Boston, and the Dominion Line to Montreal. The facts can be ascertained from those companies. The people go in families. They either provide their own funds for their passage by sea and land or receive it from their relatives and friends in Utah. The Church does not pay for any emigrant's passage either directly or indirectly, nor does it urge upon anybody, male or female, to leave this country. On the contrary, advice is frequently given and printed in the *MILLENNIAL STAR*, published at this office, that they remain here and build up the work instead of leaving the congregations so small that they are weak in numbers. We have no need of girls or women in Utah, because there are many thousands of unmarried young women there, and it ought to be known by this time, and is by people who are up-to-date, that plural marriages are not solemnized by the Church, nor have been since October, 1890, and never were in large numbers at the earliest times. The missionaries in this country, who number four times as many as the figures given by the Standard correspondent, have nothing to do with emigration. They simply preach the Gospel of faith in Christ, repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, with the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. The enterprising reporter, when short of a topic, often falls back on the “Mormons” to fill a gap, and this story about shipping girls to Utah, though often exploded, is worked over every now and again as a startler. Like the boy's big head, there is really nothing in it.

C. W. PENROSE,

President European Mission.

The *London Standard*, the *Sunderland Echo*, the *Manchester Chronicle*, the *Birmingham Gazette and Express*, and some other influential papers have also published corrections of the story. One of the numerous striking indications of a softening of feeling towards the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the willingness of many respectable journals to publish denials of false statements that are made concerning the "Mormons." There was a time when nothing from the "other side" could gain access to the public prints, no matter how brief the explanation or complete the refutation, when "Mormonism" was assailed. A more liberal spirit seems to have impressed the newspaper world as well as the better portion of the general public. We hail this change with pleasure and gratitude. The truth only needs an opportunity to rear its royal head in order to make craven falsehood slink into its proper obscurity. We expect a time to come when the most advanced newspapers and magazines will discriminate against palpable falsehood even when it relates to the "Mormons."

A little thought, with a strong desire to publish only that which is true and rational, would have barred out such transparent untruths as those furnished in the dispatch from Washington. Is it likely that a lot of girls could be gathered up from the towns mentioned, without causing some excitement at those places and a protest from people acquainted with the circumstances? Would not some of the parents or other relatives and friends of the "victims" have made an outcry? Is it possible for such an exodus to take place from the port of Liverpool, and nobody know anything about it except some enterprising reporter away off over the sea and in the distant city of Washington, District of Columbia? Sensible people who are informed in regard to the emigration laws (and among them ought to be the managers of the newspapers), would know that no emigrants leave this country without having their names, ages, sex, occupation, condition and destination furnished to and by the shipping companies by whom they are transported. Inquiry by telephone or by a reporter would soon put the quietus on such stories as that here alluded to.

The Washington reporter had probably made some enquiries at the Government department of Immigration, and learned that a company of immigrants for Utah had recently arrived composed of one hundred and twenty-three persons; because that was a fact. But in his eagerness to make something sensational out of it he substituted the word "girls" for persons, and on that minute single thread he wove his entire fabric of falsehood. The company referred to was composed of men, women and children, with a very small proportion of unmarried females. The men far outnumbered the women. There was no "ticketing" or "checking" or "herding." There was some "guarding," for as is well known and appreciated in shipping circles, the "Mormon" companies that journey to the West always have some experienced persons along to give them

advice and "guard" them against sharpers and others who try to take advantage of folks unfamiliar with traveling.

We have stated many times and now repeat our wish that the Latter-day Saints, commonly called "Mormons," would not be in such haste to leave this country, even though they have the means to pay their way, but stay here and help to build up the Church in the conferences to which they belong, because the work here is weakened by their departure and the branches are left small and comparatively unimportant. However, when people have made up their minds to emigrate, this office will do its best to see that they are properly forwarded to their destination. But the Church has no funds to advance for emigration purposes; it does not pay any emigrant's passage to Utah or to any other point. It is not advocating and urging emigration. It is simply publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations as revealed in the present age of the world, and as promulgated by the Savior and His disciples in the first century of the Christian era.

Wild and foolish stories concerning its missionaries and their converts now, are similar to those that found favor with the weak and vicious when Christ and His disciples figured on the earth and were "despised and rejected of men." The Gospel has been restored in all its fullness for the last dispensation, and it may be expected that it will meet with violent opposition, but being the eternal truth of God, that opposition can only come through falsehood and unrighteousness. In the knowledge that the work of God will be finally triumphant, we regard with complaisance, if with occasional disgust and sometimes amusement, the jibes and sneers and silly fabrications that emanate from the pulpit and the press about "Mormonism" and the "Mormons."

C. W. P.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Scottish	...	...	...	Sunday, September 1, 1907.	
Birmingham	...	...	...	"	8, "
Irish	...	...	...	"	15, "
Liverpool	...	...	...	"	22, "

A WORD TO "STAR" SUBSCRIBERS.

THE following remarks have been sent to us from the Scottish conference, and we cheerfully give place to them as they may have application to many persons other than those for whom they were specially intended:

"The other day there was received at our office a remittance of some six shillings and sixpence, and accompanying same was the brief notification that 'you need not send me the STAR any more.' In acknowledging the receipt of the money we added: 'The STAR

is stopped at your own request.' We wondered why it was that this subscriber discontinued her STAR; and we began to think it all over. The most likely reason that presented itself to us was this:

"Subscriber had received a bill for amount due, and as it had run for a whole year it amounted to the sum specified above, including postage. The bill appeared somewhat large, and rather than have a repetition of that she stopped the STAR altogether. Now, subscribers should remember that the price is one penny per copy, and where postage is needed it is just that much more. It is then sixpence or sevenpence per month, or about one shilling and sixpence per quarter. That is not a large sum, surely, for so much valuable reading and news contained in the STAR.

"Should a subscriber take offence at receiving a bill for a sum that is due? If the sum for one year seems large, it would be easily overcome by our putting a few pence past each week to meet the bill when received. Subscribers may be far removed from a branch of the Church, may be unable to meet with the Saints at their meetings, and by discontinuing the STAR they close the door against the only method of keeping in touch with the work of the Lord. They deprive themselves and their families of the very food they need for their spiritual growth and development. Do subscribers fully realize the consequences of discontinuing the STAR? How long can they retain the spirit of the work? They will surely go backwards in their faith, and will not be able to keep abreast of the onward march of the work of the Lord. In years to come they shall be able to see what they have lost, and how far they are behind.

"If it is necessary for professors of pedagogy, for doctors of medicine and others to be continually reading up to keep informed on the current trend of modern thought, and even of the necessity of taking post-graduate courses at the universities and seats of learning, in order that they may be fully informed of every development along the different lines, is it not just as essential that we should keep reading and not rust out? Our whole life is a school. If we cease our studies at any period, we fall just that much and that moment behind. Can we ever again catch up? Let us contemplate the consequences.

"In the frequent changes that necessarily take place in conference presidents and conference clerks by reason of their terms expiring, it may often occur that a subscriber may receive a bill for a year at a time. Many subscribers pay yearly, and while this may be the case, subscribers should not take any offence, especially as so many only pay once a year. Perhaps bills should be rendered quarterly, but if they were, some might take offence at their frequency. No offence is ever intended, and no offence should ever be taken. Let us keep informed on the development of the work of the Lord in the last days. Don't let us lapse.

DAVID L. MURDOCH."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Change of Address.—The headquarters of the Grimsby conference have been changed to 66 Walmsley Street, Hull.

Release.—Elder James M. Cook, of the Nottingham conference, has been honorably released to return home per s.s. *Canada*, August 29th, 1907.

Farewell Social.—On Saturday August 10th, a farewell social was held at Hyde in honor of Elder Brigham Casto and Brother Walter Morgan, who left on the 14th, the former for his home in Utah, the latter to join relatives in Ohio. After an excellent tea, served by the Relief Society sisters, an enjoyable program was rendered and the departing brethren presented with beautiful fruit stands as tokens of love and respect from those left behind. Elder Casto has been described as “a big man with a big heart,” and his diligent efforts to spread the truth have endeared him to all who know him. The Saints and friends unite in wishing him and Brother Morgan God-speed on their journey.

District Meetings at Grimsby.—Two successful district meetings were held in Thrift Hall, Pasture Street, Grimsby, Sunday, August 18th, 1907. The meetings were well attended by Saints and investigators, and the Spirit of the Lord was enjoyed by all present. President Brigham A. Seare, Elders Benjamin Brown, H. Sumner Hatch, Armond T. Rose, Lorin W. Preston, Adam Glenn and Alexander Lowe were in attendance. The afternoon session was addressed by Elders Armond T. Rose, Lorin W. Preston, and President Brigham A. Seare, the evening session by H. Sumner Hatch, Benjamin Brown and President Brigham A. Seare. Special music was furnished by President Seare, Brother Walter Thompson, Sisters Ethel Lowe and Emma Thompson.

Baptisms.—A baptismal service was held in Preston on August 3rd last. Short and timely addresses were given by President J. G. Midgley, Jr., and Elder Wadsworth, after which the latter baptized two converts. The confirmations took place at the water's edge.

Elder John N. White writes as follows:—“It gives me pleasure to report that the work of the Lord is progressing in this the Lye district. A baptismal service was held at Dudley Public Baths, on the 14th inst., when nine members were added to Dudley branch. Elders Joseph H. Butler and Arthur L. Howard officiated. Another baptism took place on the 18th inst., when Blackheath branch received an addition of fourteen new members. The officiating Elders were: John N. White, Enoch Russon and Bert S. Hymas.

Confirmations took place at the services held at Blackheath Sunday morning last, and at Dudley in the evening of the same day. The outlook in this district is quite encouraging."

Four Relief Societies Organized.—At the close of the afternoon session of the Leeds conference, Sunday afternoon last, President and Sister Penrose met with a large gathering of the sisters of all the branches of the Leeds conference, and organized four Relief Societies. Bradford society was organized with the following officers: Mary Hollings, president; Mary M. Higgins, first counselor; Nancy B. Thorpe, second counselor; Mary E. H. Sanders, secretary; Edith Crampton, treasurer. The following are the officers of the Clayton Relief Society: Maria Wood, president; Lilly D. Huddleston, first counselor; Sarah W. Wood, second counselor; Martha A. Waddington, secretary; Clara Greenwood, treasurer. Halifax Society was organized with the following officers: Harriet Ann Barraclough, president; Ada Hudson, first counselor; Lucy A. Walker, second counselor; Winifred Pickles, secretary; Sarah A. Town, treasurer. The officers of Keighley Relief Society are: Ann E. Shuttleworth, president; Martha J. Whittaker, first counselor; Ann Pickles, second counselor; Ethel Whittaker, secretary; Miriam Grooves, treasurer.

Healed by Faith.—Sister R. E. Spiller, of the South London branch, writes: "I desire to add my testimony to the thousands that have already been given to the power of the Lord which is being manifested among the Latter-day Saints. My little boy had been ailing for a fortnight, and towards the end of the second week I saw that something serious was the matter with him. On Sunday, August 4th, I sent for two Elders of the Church, and they came and administered to him. The following morning I took the little one to the outing of the Saints at Chingford, thinking the fresh air would do him good; but he grew worse instead of better. I had him examined by a skilled doctor, who told me that he was suffering with tonsilitis and inflamed glands, and that in all probability it would be some time before he would be well. In the evening of that day Elders C. A. Sperry and William Allen came and administered to him again, and rebuked the disease in the name of the Lord. The child had a good night's rest, and by Tuesday the throat trouble was entirely gone. Several of our friends were astonished at his rapid recovery, but to us, who know that the Lord is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, and that His ears are open to the prayers of His children in these latter days as in the days of old, it is not marvelous. The Lord healed my child, and to Him be the praise and glory."

Sister M. A. Woodward sends us the following: "Some few months ago I was afflicted with a bad throat. I did not consult a

doctor, as he had before told me it was my tonsils, which would either have to be cut or burnt. The Elders had been taken from Bedford. Being near conference time, I got what relief I could, and waited. On going to London I requested the president to have the elders administer to me, which they did. I felt relief immediately. My throat gradually improved till the lump entirely disappeared. It has been remarked several times since how distinctly I talk now to the way in which I used to speak. This is but one of the many blessings I have received of my Heavenly Father. All thanks be unto Him."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

JESUS THE CHRIST.

LESSON XXII.—MY BROTHER AND I.

I. Mutual forgiveness required.

1. Method of adjusting difficulties (Matt. 18: 15-20). (a) At first a personal matter between the parties. (b) Aid of others to be enlisted if necessary. (c) Extreme measures to be adopted only after all other efforts have failed.
2. Forgiveness not limited by rule (verses 21, 22). (a) Peter's question—How many times shall I forgive? (b) The Lord's answer. (c) A later instance (Luke 17: 3, 4).

II. Conditions on which God forgives:

1. The prayer prescribed. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."
2. Forgiveness may be denied us (Matt. 6: 12, 14, 15; see also 7: 2).
3. Gifts not acceptable from the unforgiving (Matt. 5: 23, 24; compare III. Nephi 12: 23, 24).
4. The sin of refusing to forgive our fellows. (Doc. and Cov. 64: 9, 10).

III. Illustrated in parable.

1. The unmerciful servant (Matt. 18: 23-35). (a) The servant's great indebtedness. (b) His petition for mercy. (c) The master's kindness. (d) The servant's severity to his fellow who owed him a trifling sum. (e) The punishment.
2. The lesson. (a) Mercy is for the merciful. (b) Justice may demand retribution—"With what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged."

NOTE:—Laws of early times were very severe concerning debtors; the entire family was involved in danger through indebtedness (see II. Kings 4: 1; Lev. 25: 39).

THE SINGERS.

God sent His singers upon earth
With songs of gladness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to heaven again.

The first, a youth, with soul of fire,
Held in his hand a golden lyre;
Through groves he wandered and by streams,
Playing the music of our dreams.

The second, with a bearded face,
Stood singing in the market place;
And stirred with accents deep and loud,
The hearts of all the listening crowd.

A gray old man, the third and last,
Sang in cathedrals dim and vast,
While the majestic organ rolled
Contrition from its mouth of gold.

And those who heard the singers three
Disputed which the best might be;
For still their music seemed to start
Discordant echoes in each heart.

But the great Master said, "I see
No best in kind, but in degree;
I gave a various gift to each,
To charm, to strengthen, and to teach.

These are the three great cords of might,
And he whose ear is tuned aright
Will hear no discord in the three,
But the most perfect harmony.

LONGFELLOW.

DIED.

WALKER.—At Pudsey, August 8th, 1907, Hannah Walker, aged 89 years. Sister Walker was a member of the Pudsey branch, and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

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